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Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 05394.0013

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re National Stage of Application No. )  
PCT/FR00/00637 of: )  
Stewart COLE et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1634  
Application No.: 09/936,523 )  
Int'l Filing Date: March 16, 2000 )  
§ 371 Filing Date: September 14, 2001 )  
For: DELETE SEQUENCES IN M. )  
BOVIS BCG/M. BOVIS OR M. )  
TUBERCULOSIS, METHOD FOR )  
DETECTING MYCOBACTERIA )  
Application No.: 09/936,523 )  
USING SAID SEQUENCES AND )  
VACCINES )

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment dated August 4, 2003, the period for reply having been extended to February 4, 2004, by a Request for Extension of Time and Fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment section of this paper.

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